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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2804

Introduced by Assembly Member Hayashi

February 22, 2008

An act to add Section 2851.5 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to energy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2804, as amended, Hayashi. Renewable energy resources: California Solar Initiative.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations. A decision of the commission adopted the California Solar Initiative. Existing law requires the commission to undertake certain steps in implementing the California Solar Initiative, including authorizing the award of monetary incentives for up to the first megawatt of alternating current generated by a solar energy system, as defined, with the incentive level declining each year following implementation at a rate of no less than an average of 7% per year.

~~This bill would require the commission, in implementing the California Solar Initiative, to consult with the State Architect to determine the reasonable time period required for school districts and community college districts to complete all necessary approvals for, and the installation of, solar energy systems. The bill would additionally require the commission to permit a school district or community college~~

district to reserve incentives from the California Solar Initiative for the reasonable time required for the school district or community college district to complete all necessary approvals for, and to install, the solar energy system.

The California Solar Initiative sets forth the procedures by which applicants, including school and community college districts, that have committed to purchase and install a solar energy system may reserve funding to be made available upon installation of the system.

This bill would authorize a school district or community college district to request the extension of a reservation expiration date for monetary incentives for a solar energy system, up to a maximum of 3 extensions of 180 calendar days for each extension. The bill would require that the request be made in writing to the program administrators and contain specified information relating to the need for additional time.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2851.5 is added to the Public Utilities
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 2851.5. ~~(a) In implementing the California Solar Initiative,~~
- 4 ~~the commission shall consult with the State Architect to determine~~
- 5 ~~the reasonable time period required for school districts and~~
- 6 ~~community college districts to complete all necessary approvals~~
- 7 ~~for, and the installation of, solar energy systems.~~
- 8 ~~(b) The commission shall permit a school district or community~~
- 9 ~~college district to reserve incentives from the California Solar~~
- 10 ~~Initiative for the reasonable time required for the school district~~
- 11 ~~or community college district to complete all necessary approvals~~
- 12 ~~for, and to install, the solar energy system.~~
- 13 2851.5. (a) *A school district or community college district*
- 14 *may request an extension of a reservation expiration date for*
- 15 *monetary incentives for a solar energy system. The commission*
- 16 *may grant a maximum of three extensions of 180 calendar days*
- 17 *for each extension.*
- 18 (b) *An extension request pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be*
- 19 *made in writing, submitted to the program administrators, and*
- 20 *shall include a written explanation of the need for the extension*

1 *and the amount of additional time needed. In describing the need*
2 *for the time extension request, the school district or community*
3 *college district shall provide information on the circumstances,*
4 *that are beyond the control of the district, that prevent the solar*
5 *energy system from being installed as previously described in the*
6 *initial reservation request. A failure to submit the incentive claim*
7 *form package by the original or extended reservation expiration*
8 *date shall result in the cancellation of the request.*
9 *(c) An approval of a request for a change in the reservation*
10 *expiration date for monetary incentives for a solar energy system*
11 *shall not modify any other condition of a reservation for incentives.*